# Child Care and Development Fund FACT SHEET

February, 2007 Montana

### Caseload

- •5,535 children were served this month in this program
- 3,385 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- •7.6% of the families entered the program during this period
- · Yellowstone County accounted for 23.2% of all families served

#### Children

- •88.0% of children were served in licensed care
- •9.6% of children were cared for by relatives
- ·Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 124 hours per month
- ·School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 26.7% of all children served
- · White children accounted for 80.1% of all children served

#### **Families**

- •80.3% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.9% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- •88.3% of families were headed by a single parent
- •10.9% of families listed TANF as a source of income

## **Expenditures**

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$319 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 10.2% of the cost and the program paid 89.8%
- · Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$379
- · Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$212
- •82.3% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

#### **Counties**

- The highest average cost of care was in Prairie County at \$508 per child
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Toole County, where 40.0% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF